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 Mr. Patrick J. Herrity
 [redacted]
 Bergenfield, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Herrity:

Thank you for your letter of 6 September 1959 concerning the situation in the Far East. I am sure that based upon your experience in Manchuria and China, you have had an opportunity to analyze these matters first hand. It is our responsibility in this organization to keep our minds open for any eventuality, and we appreciate receiving your views.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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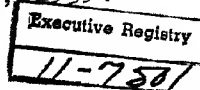
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Barrenfield, E. J.
September 6, 1959.



Mr. Allen Dulles,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Americans who served the war years in China were especially angered when that country later came under communist control, causing the United States to lose prestige in world affairs. There is a great danger that our nation will be more humiliated when General Chiang Ching Kuo, commanding the Nationalist Forces, "inherits" his father's government, tells the United States to beat it and reaches his communist hand across the China Sea to say welcome to Mao Tzu Tung and Chou En Lai.

Chinese Nationalist propaganda agencies have taken special care to prevent the publication of any reference to the activities of General Chiang Ching Kuo before World War II. Your agency was not in existence when he was in Moscow and the screen set up by our "ally" "Free China" might be succeeding in preventing you from ever knowing. A couple of weekly United States magazines seem to me to be following the same cover up line. Both magazines are published by one man. Recently they published photographs of Chiang Kai Shek's granddaughter, mentioning only that her father was Chiang Ching Kuo, a Chinese general on Formosa. I have more respect for your organization than this letter indicates but ~~but~~ the situation is so important that I feel I must write you.

During the 1930s, Chiang Ching Kuo was an avowed communist living and studying in Moscow. From there he consistently issued statements denouncing his father, Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, which were given world-wide circulation by Soviet press services.

When the war was over, Chiang Ching Kuo was back in China in the good graces of his father. With him were his Russian wife and their children. His father first gave him minor posts, then in 1949 placed him in charge of the enforcement of the government's economic laws. In Shanghai he put into effect the violent drastic training he had learned from his communist teachers. He went into the courts and ordered judges to pass death sentences on prisoners being tried for buying foreign currencies.

Chinese friends have told me that Chiang Ching Kuo hates the United States. He has never repudiated communism. They believe him to be a communist; so do I.

It is understandable that a Chinese father, adhering to ancient culture and practices, will take his erring son back into the fold. But there is no reason why the United States should be endangered by him. It is my belief that Chiang Ching Kuo is with his father on assignment by his communist bosses.

There is precedent indicating that the communists in power in China assign members of the "party" to infiltrate and get control of non-communist armies and organizations. One of Chiang Kai Shek's generals was a communist, who in 1949 took his army over to the side of the Reds and made possible the swift advances of Chu Teh.

A young Chinese friend in New York told me recently that Chiang Ching Kuo prevailed upon his father to hire a house boy. The latter was the only one having access to the Generalissimo's office. Chiang Kai Shek should have been at his desk when the bomb under it exploded. He had left the office a minute earlier. The house boy proved to be a communist. The son denied knowing that he was a communist. The father

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The clipping enclosed herewith is further evidence of the communist sop, "joining" the enemy.

Knowing that the one with an army under his control will succeed to power upon the death of his father, Chiang Ching Kuo has since going to Formosa followed a military career.

I know that your agency is capable and very likely has complete information on the subject of this letter. However, the faint possibility that you have not, has prompted me to write.

Respectfully yours,


PATRICK J. HERRY.

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Clambering into a fishing boat in Communist Amoy one December night in 1957, Chang Chun-sheng, a lieutenant colonel in the Red Chinese army, pointed a Mauser at the crew and ordered them to sail him the ten choppy miles to Nationalist Quemoy. There Chang, 39, a Red soldier for 20 years, who had fought in Korea as a "volunteer" in 1951-52, got a hero's welcome befitting the highest-ranking Red officer ever to defect to the Nationalists.

The Nationalists gave Chang a special \$2,000 reward, commissioned him a full colonel in their own army, made him deputy chief of staff of an antiaircraft artillery command. After all, Chang had left behind on the mainland his parents, wife and five-year-old son, and their fate was not likely to be pleasant. Any doubts the Nationalists may have had about Chang's sincerity were easily outweighed by the propaganda value of his defection. For more than a year all went well with

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Lawrence K. Chang

COLONEL CHIANG
Caught Red-handed.

Chang in his new life. Then last February Chang failed to show up for duty after the Chinese New Year's celebrations. Last week word leaked out of Formosa that Colonel Chang had been unmasked as a double-agent passing secrets to the mainland. And after being told to kneel and receive a single bullet in the base of his skull—the classic punishment for traitors.

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Mr. Patrick J. Herrity

[Redacted]
Bergenfield, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Herrity:

We appreciate your interest in the matter discussed
in your letter of 6 September 1959. Please be assured that
the subject is receiving serious attention.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: DDCI

Signature Recommended:

[Redacted Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

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SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Patrick J. Herrity

1. This memorandum recommends action as indicated in paragraph 3.

2. Attached are the subject letter and our suggested answer to it. As you know, there are many persons who fear that CHIANG Ching-kuo is a Communist. Mr. Herrity's letter gives no new evidence, however, so it is of no value as intelligence information.

3. It is recommended that the attached letter be signed and forwarded to Mr. Herrity.

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Chief, Far East Division

2 Attachments
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